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PATENT APPLICATION EXAMINING OPERATIONS

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified continuation application, please amend the application follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.